

catch-22 continued...

WINTER 1909/SPRING 1910 are due February 28. R/I failed 4-0 (1 NVR), and R/A/G failed 3-1. I will repropose R/I, this time NOT VOTING IS YES. Please remember to vote.

catch-22 press

ITALY-GERMANY: Why are we over here fighting when we should be over there fighting Russia?

85HA SCARECROW SPRING 1907

winter: ENG bld A EDI, F LVP; FRA A spa r POR, rea A gas; TUR bld F SHY, A CON.

ENGLAND(K Brown): A edi-BEL(C F NTH); F lvp-IRI; F lon-ENG; A BER S A aun; F bal-DEN; F kie-HEL; A hol-RUH(S A MUN); F STP/NC H(S F BOT).

FRANCE(J Ellis): F mid-SPA/SC(S A POR); A BUR-mar.

ITALY(Holley): A PAR-bur; A vie-TRI(S A TYO & A VEN); F ion-adr(d, r alb, nap, tys, otb); F wes-TUN; A BOH-vie. F spa/sc-mar(d, r wes, lyo, otb);

TURKEY(Johnston): F say-AEB; A con-RUM(C F BLA); A gal-VIE(S A BUD); A tri-APU(C F ADR); A war-SIL; A nos-WAR; A rum-SER; F aeg-ION(S F GRE).

FALL 1907 is due February 28. Thanks to Kevin Tighe for the unneeded standby orders. There was a question about the last adjudication; the ENG F hol-kie did not bounce with the AUS A ber-kie because the AUS A ber was dislodged by a unit from kie. The adjudication is correct as printed. Proposed are T/E and E; not voting is no.

scarecrow press

ENGLAND-WORLD: Gee, guys, did you just not see the draws or do you just not care?

86CD SURFING BIRD SPRING 1902

AUSTRIA(Pierce): A vie-BAL; A tri-BUD; A ser-RUM; F ALB S ita A apu-gre.

ENGLAND(Ellis): A YOR-bel(C F NTH); F NWY S F nth.

FRANCE(Drane): A par-PIC; A mar-PIE; F por-MID; A spa-GAS; A BUR \$ eng A yor-bel.

GERMANY(Bishop): A MUN-bur; F kie-BAL; F hol-BEL(S A RUH); A DEN-swe.

ITALY(Atkins): A apu-GRE(C F ION); A ven-APU.

RUSSIA(Russ): A STP, F SWE & A UKR H; F bla-ARM(S F SEV); A rum \$ aus A ser-bul(NSO)(d, ann).

TURKEY(Oaklyn): F ank-BLA(S F CON); A BUL S aus A ser-rum; A ara-sev(d, r ank, say, syr, otb).

FALL 1902 is due February 28. Thanks to Mark Keller for the unneeded standby orders.

surfing bird press

RUS-ENG: I always remain loyal to allies.

RUS-TUR: Please note that you are not an ally.

RUS-ITA: Watch what you drink.

RUS-AUS: You pat my back and I'll pat yours.

MILLE DE WORMVILLE: I am leaving for South America on January

14, 1987, and returning February 8. I have submitted advance orders that are conditional upon all possible stabs, allies notwithstanding. In my absence, my son Brian will be monitoring letters and move results. He will submit move changes not already covered by myself, such as an invasion of the English onto Turkish soil. He will not stab, nor is he a pussy cat

86CZ BOP TIL YOU DROP MENSA 23 SPRING 1902

AUSTRIA(Cheek): A vie-GAL(S A BUD); A tri h and hopes for a Papal indulgence(d, r alb, ser, vie, otb); F GRE-ion.

ENGLAND(Beaumont): F edi-NWB; F lon-ENG; F NTH-hol(\$ A BEL).

FRANCE(Coufal): A PAR & A BRE H; F por-SPA/NC; A BUR-ruh; A spa-GAS.

GERMANY(Wallis): A MUN-bur; F kie-HEL; A RUH-bel(\$ A HOL); F DEN-nth.

ITALY(Dousette): F nap-ION(S F TUN); A tyo-TRI(S A VEN).

RUSSIA(Brailler): NMR--A MOS; F SWE; A SEV; F rum(d, ann); A gal(d, r boh, sil, war, ukr, otb).

TURKEY(Burroughs): A con-BUL; A bul-RUM(S F BLA); A ARM-sev.

FALL 1902 is due February 28. Would CRAIG REGES please standby for Russia. Please note new address for Steve Wallis.

bop press

AUSTRIA: We have to live today by what truth we can get today and be ready tomorrow to call it falsehood.

84AZ BAHNHOF ZOO INTERNATIONAL GAME SPRING 1909

ENGLAND(Schunck): A PIC-bre; A BEL-bur; F nat-MID(S F ENG);

A WAR-sil; A MOS-war; F kie-BER(S F BAL); A LON H;

A edi-DEN(C F NTH); F spa/sc-wes(d, ann); F lvp-IRI.

FRANCE(Coughlan) A BUR-par; A MUN-bur; A GAS-bre;

A vie-BOH; F mar-SPA/SC(S A POR); A GAL-sil.

ITALY(Doorncamp) A tri-SER(S A BUD & A BUL); F pie-LYO;

F lyo-TYS; F AEG S A bul; A tyo-TRI; F mid-WES(S F NAF).

RUSSIA(Jacobs) F bla-SEV(S A RUM).

TURKEY(Gautron) A CON S F ank; F SHY & F ANK S A con.

FALL & WINTER 1909 are due MARCH 31, 1987. Both E/F and E/F/I failed 1-2 (2 NVR). Proposed again is E/F/I, not voting is no.

bahnhof zoo press

BEKNOPT NEDERLANDS WOORDENBOEK:

laalendig zootje-diplomacy players who don't negotiate

kief zootje-American way of playing diplomacy

slaafje-the player who ends second in an American game of

diplomacy

stzengse meester-the player who wins an American game of

diplomacy

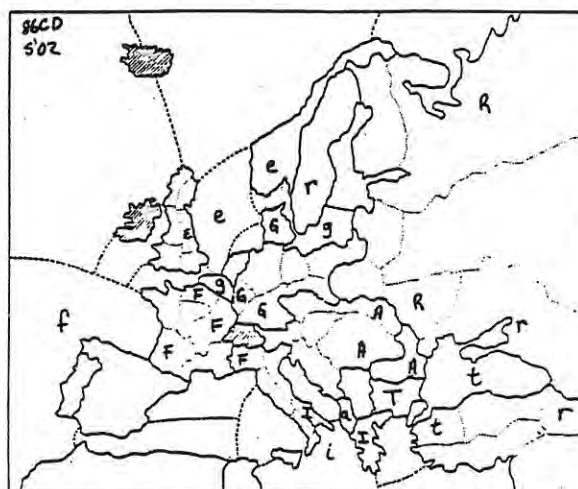
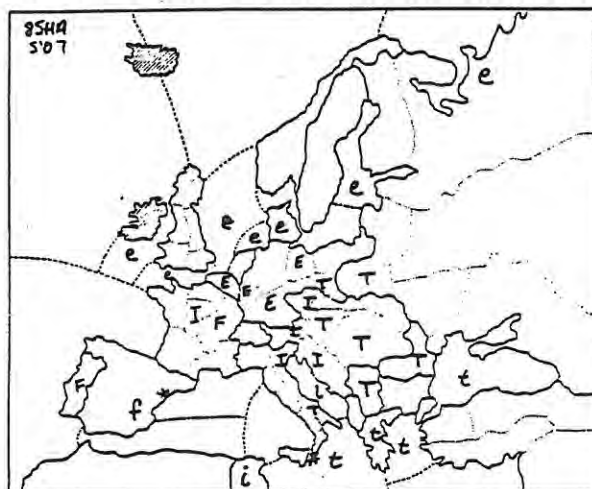
misselijk-the rest of the players in an American game of

dipomacy

((I hope I spelled those right. Are there any words for

incompetent GMs?))

Thanks again for your patience this issue. I do have a good reason for being late. I've just been awarded a



research assistantship at school.

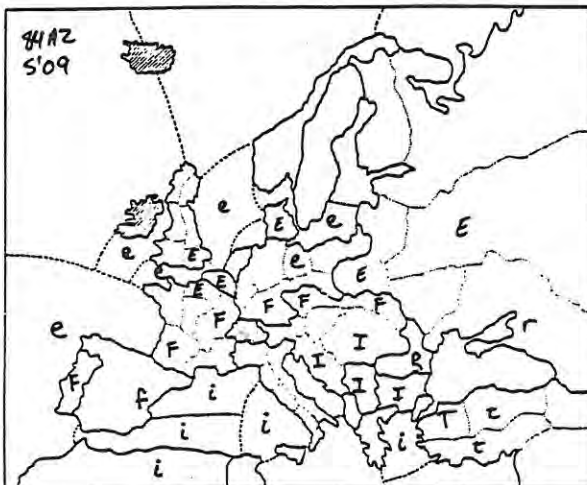
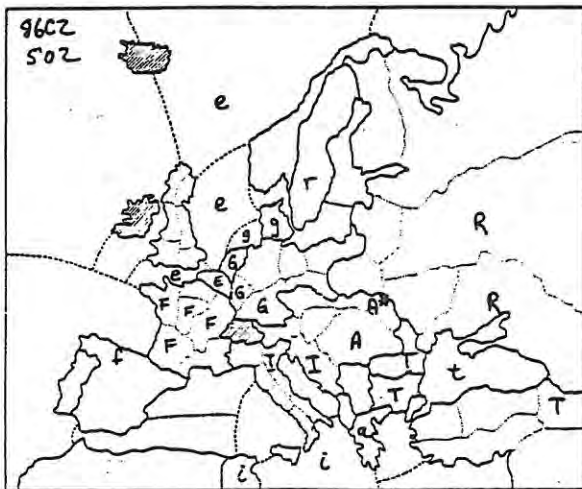
That's great for me; it means money, experience, the chance to work closely with a expert in ag policy, maybe even a published paper. It's not so great for these games; it means I'll have 20 hours a week less free time on top of classes and my job.

So I'll do what any bureaucracy would do in this situation. When you can't meet your standards, lower them a bit. BIG HITS will now be on a monthly schedule. Normal turnaround time will be up to five days after deadline, which gives me a couple extra days. The deadline will always be at least 25 days after results are mailed, the same as before. And if the delay extends to 10 days, I'll send out some notice to you as I did this time.

Meanwhile, I'll run the United Hockey game deadlines a week ahead of the Dip games. The league can take as much time as all the Dip games. This means the hockey coaches will not usually see all of BIG HITS unless we have a trade arrangement.

Finally, though this is like announcing the death long after the body's been buried, I will no longer be publishing BAHNHOF ZOO as a subzine. With the two zines I run, I have plenty to do and say as it is. Thanks to Gary and EUROPA EXPRESS, Christoph and SAURI'S ALLSTAR UNLIMITED/GENESIS, Luc and MACH DIE SPUHL, and Peter and C'EST MAGNIFIQUE for bringing BAHNHOF ZOO to the world! I will continue to run international games here in BIG HITS, and will open a new one once either ZOO or FRIEDRICHSTRASSE ends.

Since someone asked, my policy on players from the same city in a single game is the same as the BNCs. I don't like it, but I'll allow two. I'll adjust the country assignments so the two are not next to one another (though in SURFING BIRD, I messed up and placed David and George in Austria and Italy.) I'll let the three of you from Warner Robins fight it out yourselves who'll get in the game now open.



UNITED HOCKEY PRESS

F/X-MIST COUNTY HOPEFULS: Good eevening, gentlemen. With a new manager replacing the "disappeared" Mr. Tighe things could get reeeeeealy scary! But don't worry, we only realease the "Killer Tomatoes" at home games. A "Full Moon" to all from the Great White North, where truly frightful hockey was born.

SOCK-TEAM: Third place or bust!

MOPAC-VEGIES: How 'bout them Buckeyes!?! They obviously wore those rusty red hightops so the blood wouldn't show.

A EMILY LITTILA REPORT FROM WASHINGTON: Now what is all the fuss about President Reagan giving aid to Conejos. He could have given aid to the S.O.C.K. team or even the NICE GUYS, but instead he gives all these BILLIONS of DOLLARS to the Nicaraguan CONEJOS. (Emily.) Yes, heavy? (No, it's Chevy, and it's not Nicaraguan CONTRAS, no the CONEJOES.) Oh, well, that's very different. (Yes it is.) Never mind.

SOCK-GM: Hope you enjoyed that. ((I hope everyone else does.))

FLINT-K'BILL: We'll meet again in Session IX, and we won't give you two cheap power play goals. Actually it seems we are equally "formidable" with you getting the bad dice.

SOCK-FLINT: Yes, it's Rock 'em SOCK 'em hockey in Michigan. Our match here will be crucial as you and Bill tied and I actually beat him. Surprise, surprise, surprise.

COCHONS-VEGETABLES: Impressive, damn impressive. Love to see the +/- stats on your team.

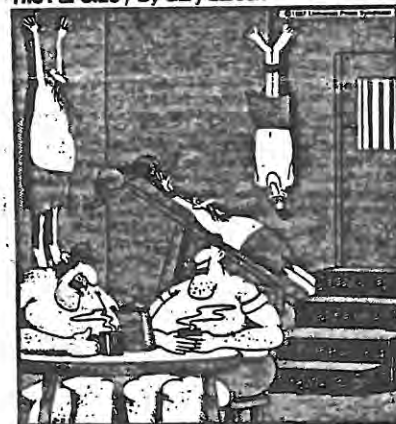
MOPAC-LEAGUE: For Sale--I slightly used "Veg-o-matic." It slices, it dices. Worked well in first use.

SOCK-NICE GUY: Yep, I went big on defense, as everybody else seemed to go on offense. I play very differently from everyone as you know.

ADDRESSES NOT ON MAIN LIST

Bryce Allen, 2-5 Mark St, Ottawa ONT K1S 3Y5 CANADA
Bill Becker, 1515 Ridgewood, Jenison MI 49428
Lu Henry, 3601 Penbrook Ln #18, Flint MI 48507

The Far Side / By Gary Larson



"You know, Russell, you're a great torturer. I mean, you can make a man scream for mercy in nothing flat... but boy, you sure can't make a good cup of coffee."

MIST COUNTY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SESSION III
GM: Scott Hanson, 3508 4th Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55408-4511

was	now	W	L	T	P	GF	GA	DIF	VP	\$K
1	1 MOPAC	9	--	0	--	18	97/	42	55	6 525 Blythe
2	2 COCHONS	6	--	2	--	13	90/	55	35	7 424 Henry
3	3 LORDS	5	--	3	--	11	61/	53	8	5 620 Hise
4	*4 ROCKIES	5	--	1	--	10	43/	41	2	11 625 Pyle
5	5 S.O.C.K.	4	--	4	--	1	9	50/	41	9 6 590 Anderson
9	6 VEGETABLES	4	--	5	--	0	8	105/	101	4 6 203 Goode
7	7 NICEGUYS	2	--	6	--	1	5	66/	63	3 3 475 Becker
6	*8 CONEJOS	2	--	6	--	0	4	93/	92	1 2 495 Halverstadt
8	9 F/X	1	--	8	--	0	2	54/	104	-50 5 420 Allen
10	*10 HA HA KEYS	1	--	4	--	0	2	66/	133	-67 8 365 Snell?

*has games to make up

Deadline for SESSION IV is February 25, early bird Feb 18. Lords, F/X and NICE GUYS did not get the early bird. Keys NMR'd. Kevin Tighe has resigned as coach of Redwood F/X; Bryce Allen, 2-5 Mark St, Ottawa ONT CANADA K2S 3Y5 has taken over. Lottery number was 24; SOCK, Conejos and Lords got one digit for \$25K. Vegies were charged \$4K interest. Fines for lineup violations (\$10K per game) no roughness-SOCK-1, Rockies-2, NICE GUYS-1, F/X-1, Lords-2; out of balance-SOCK-1; too much home advantage-MOPAC-2.

SESSION III RESULTS

S.O.C.K. 2	at	COCHONS 5
Robin(pp), Wilbur(pp)		Fortes-2, Harjanne, Moutinho, Toivonen
pen-0		pen-5: Toivonen-3, Harjanne-2
12 shots		43 shots
F/X 1	at	VEGETABLES 19
Chaney		Broccoli-6, Cabbage-5, Cauli-3, Mattingly-2, Corn, Eggpl(pp), Okra(pp)
pen-3: Lorre, Rains, Ogata		pen-1: Eggplant
4 shots		80 shots
F/X 4	at	LORDS 11
Hitchcock-2, Rains-2		Vroom-4, Fayol-2, Hergbg-2, Weber-2, Gilbreath
pen-2: Ogata, Rains		pen-2: Mayo, Saith
16 shots		31 shots
CONEJOS 8	at	LORDS 9 OVERTIME
Sandino-3, Rodriguez-2(2pp)		Vroom-5, Fayol, Gilbreath, Weber
Manley, Marti(pp) Guevara		Hergberg(ot)
pen-1 Guevara		pen-3: Mayo-2, Saith
49 + 1 OT shots		15 + 1 OT shots
S.O.C.K 2 (pg)	at	LORDS 2
Batman, Purebred		Vroom, Hergberg
pen-1: Batman		pen-1: Gilbreath
23 + 1 OT shots		45 + 9 OT shots
NICEGUYS 3	at	ROCKIES 6
Forcer-2, Passer		Offa-3, Aethbert, Cerdic, Penda
pen-1: Passer		pen-1: Alfred
9 shots		36 shots
NICEGUYS 1	at	MOPAC 7
Nuanose		Atchison-5, Benton, Bland
pen-4: Wind-2, Hart, Chills		pen-6: Blair, Marmaduke, Benton, Clark-2, Jackson
7 shots		23 shots
ROCKIES 4	at	VEGETABLES 16
Offa-2, Canute, Penda		Cauli-3, Onion-3, Cabb-2, Broc-2, Carrot-2, Eggpl-2, Mattingly, Spinach
pen-0		pen-1: Eggplant
15 shots		36 shots
ROCKIES 8	at	F/X 5
Canute-3, Offan Cerdic		Karloff-2, Lorre-2(pp), Hitchcock
Penda-2, Aethelbert		pen-0
pen-1: Aethelbert		8 shots
38 shots		

VEGETABLES 12	at	NICEGUYS 11
Broccoli-4, Cabbage-3, Cauli-2, Onion-2, Eggpl		Hands-5, Bony-2, Frost-2, 5, Runner, Forcer
pen-0		pen-1: Hart
60 shots		21 shots
COCHONS 2	at	MOPAC 4
Fortes-2(pp)		Benton-2, Atchison, Blair
pen-4: Cresto-2, Harjanne		pen-12: Marmaduke-3, Bland-2, Jackson-2, Linn-2, King, Hearnnes, Blair
Toivonen		30 shots
46 shots		
COCHONS 17	at	CONEJOS 8
Moutinho-6, Fortes-5, Sabi-4		Marti-3, Sandino-2, Rodriguez-2, Davario
Toivonen		pen-1: Fonseca
pen-4: Toivonen, Harjanne, Cresto, Broynhill		
33 shots		43 shots
MOPAC 31	at	KEYS 7
Atchison-12, Benton-5, Bland-3, Clark-3, Marmadk-3, Hearnnes-2, Linn-2, Crittenden		Humfrey-2, Chester-2, Roognd(pp), Murphy, Chet
pen-6: Hearnnes-2, Blair, Bland, Clark, Jackson		pen-0:
61 shots		50 shots
KEYS 11	at	S.O.C.K. 24
Roognd-3, Humfrey-2, Murphy-2, Chester-2, Chen, Chet		Robin-6, MrEd-5, Batman-3
pen-0:		Purebred-3, Udog-3, Barsnstr-2, GJoe, Destro
66 shots		pen-1: Underdog
		39 shots

LINEUP CHANGES

F/X signs rookies D-Fred Gwynne, F-Anthony Perkins, F-Count Floyd.

AUCTION

We'll give another go at it. The entire Lithuanian national team has defected, and the following players are available (miniuma bid in parenthesis): 6)I FW 1 (\$100K) 7)I DF 1 (\$100K) 8)II DF 2 (\$160K) 9)II FW 2 (\$160K) 10)III FW 3 (\$180K) 11)III DF 3 (\$180K) 12)IV DF 4 (\$160K) 13)IV FW 4 (\$160K) 14)V FW 5 (\$100K) 15) V DF 5 (\$100K).

MAKEUP GAMES

I forgot to list CONEJOS at KEYS on the schedule last session. It will be made up now, along with KEYS at ROCKIES.

SESSION IV SCHEDULE

NICEGUYS at SOCK	CONEJOS at SOCK	NICEGUYS at F/X
CONEJOS at F/X	LORDS at NICEGUYS	COCHONS at SOCK
ROCKIES at COCHONS	COCHONS at F/X	CONEJOS at VEGIES
MOPAC at VEG	ROCKIES at MOPAC	MOPAC at ROCKIES
KEYS at LORDS	VEGIES at KEYS	LORD at KEYS

Thanks again for your patience this session. My schedule has really tightened up, and I have to extend my normal turnaround time to 5 days. I finally do have a revised season schedule for you though.

No one has commented on my name for this league. Mist County is the site of Garrison Keillor's fictional Lake Wobegone. Are any of you Prairie Home Companion fans?

Surprisingly, I've found the most time consuming part of GMing this thing is assigning the goals and penalties. I don't have that automated yet, and since we have so many more shots and penalties than United Soccer, it's a bitch.

A third of the way through, I'm fairly happy with the results. The main flaws I see are too many goals, not enough power play goals, and too easy for rookie goaltenders. Next season I am contemplating cutting all the shot formulas in half (but give each team a miniuma of maybe 10 shots per game), increasing the number of added shots for penalties by 3 or 4 times, increasing the number of games rookies play at zero to 4 for FW and DF, and 12 for GL. I'll probably fine tune the goalie formula as well, I want low goaltenders to really suffer. I can assure you that MOPAC is not taking advantage of a loophole to be undefeated.

I'll hold all press for a couple days so I can mail this today. I've still got all the Dip games to do, so no need to make you wait for them.